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SUBJECT: ISRAELI PRESS REACTS TO HOUSE ARMED SERVICES

SUBCOMMITTEE'S REPORT

SUMMARY: HEADLINES, EDITORIALS AND COMMENTARIES OF MARCH 12-13
ISRAELI PRESS ARE DEVOTED TO HOUSE ARMED SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE'S
REPORT. GENERAL TONE OF ARTICLES EXPRESSES APPREHENSION
AND REPORT IS REGARDED AS INDICATION OF EROSION OF SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL
IN CONGRESS.
END SUMMARY.

1. MAARIV(MARCH 12) REPORTED IN WASHINGTON (SEGEV)
SEES SUBCOMMITTEE'S FINDINGS AS " A FIRST CLEAR EROSION
IN AMERICAN CONGRESS SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL. TIMING OF
PUBLICATION WAS DESIGNED , PROBABLY, TO STRENGTHEN KISSINGER' S
HANDS IN HIS EFFORTS TO OBTAIN FURTHER ISRAELI CONCESSIONS..."
MAARIV(MARCH) ADDS THAT SUBCOMMITTEE 'S RECOMMENDATIONS
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" TO SCRUTINIZE CAREFULLY" ALL ISRAELI MILITARY REQUESTS

HAS CAUSED CONCERN AMONG FRIENDS OF ISRAEL IN THE CONGRESS..
" IT IS FEARED THAT IT WILL DELAY THE SALE OF ...F15 TO
ISRAEL..." MAARIVE QUOTES DIPLOMATIC SOURCES(IN WASHINGTON)
AS SAYING THAT ALTHOUGH SUBCOMMITTEE CONSIDERS THAT ISRAEL
IS NOW STRONGER THAN EGYPT AND SYRIA " IT DELIBERATELY DIS-
REGARDED FACT THAT MILITARY UNITS FROM SAUDIA, JORDAN AND
NORTH AFRICA PARTICIPATED IN OCTOBER WAR AND THEIR PARTI-
CIPATION WILL GROW IN A MORE SIGNIFICANT WAY IN FUTURE.
SOURCES IN WASHINGTON BELIEVE THAT SUBJECT WILL BE DIS-
CUSSED WITH KISSINGER DURING HIS CURRENT ME TRIP..."
SOURCES SPECULATE THAT COMPROMISE CHANCES WILL BE AFFECTED
IF ISRAELI DEMANDS ARE NOT MET " BECAUSE ISRAEL WILL NOT
FEEL SUFFICIENTLY SECURE TO WITHDRAW FROM TERRITORIES
WHICH GIVE HER VITAL STRATEGIC DEPTH..."

2. HAARETZ WASHINGTON REPORTER (MARGALIT) DESCRIBES
REPORT AS " FIRST ISRAELI DEFEAT IN THE NEW CONGRESS." HAARETZ
EDITORIAL REMARKS THAT " BALANCE OF MILITARY FORCES IS NEVER
A STATIC ELEMENT...THEREFORE WE CANNOT AGREE WITH MEMBERS
OF SUBCOMMITTEE WHO HAVE FORMULATED THEIR EVALUATION ONLY
ON BASIS OF NUMBER OF WEAPONS AND PLANES WHICH EXISTED
DURING THEIR TOURS IN ISRAEL AND EGYPT. IT SEEMS THAT
THEY DID NOT TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION REINFORCEMENTS EXPECTED
TO FLOW IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE TO EGYPT--FROM USSR DIRECTLY
AND FROM FRANCE AND BRITAIN INDIRECTLY..."

3. DAVAR EDITORIAL REGARDS REPORT AS " WARNING SIGNAL
FROM CAPITOL." IT DESCRIBES REPORT AS AN EROSION IN
SUPPORT OF CONGRESS FOR ISRAEL. " NO LESS CHARACTERISTIC
ARE REMARKS MADE BY ...SENATOR SPARKMAN IN CONNECTION WITH
RECENT SAVOY HOTEL INCIDENT..." EDITORIAL ADDS THAT
DECLARATION MADE BY SENATOR PERCY AND SPARKMAN CANNOT BE
DISREGARDED. WHETHER THESE DECLARATIONS AND SUBCOMMITTEE'S
REPORT WERE INTENDED TO EXERT PRESSURE ON US DURING NEG-
OTIATIONS OR EVEN IF THERE IS NO CONNECTION--THEY INDICATE
A CERTAIN CHANGE IN ATMOSPHERE TOWARDS ISRAEL ON CAPITOL
HILL AND CONSTITUTE A PROOF THAT CONGRESS SUPPORTS
ADMINISTRATION'S LINE ADVOCATING A FURTHER ISRAELI
WITHDRAWAL WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF KISSINGER'S STAGES POLICY...
OUR POLICY MAKERS MUST BE AWARE OF THIS PROCESS AND
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AMERICAN JEWS, FRIENDS OF ISRAEL, MUST DO ALL THEY CAN
TO PREVENT ANY FURTHER EROSION."

4. YEDIOT WASHINGTON REPORTER (KIVITI) WRITES THAT
" ACCORDING TO OBSERVERS IN WASHINGTON ARMED SERVICES SUB-
COMMITTEE'S REPORT...IS A DOCUMENT INDICATING A
HARDENING OF POSITION WITH REGARD TO ISRAELI MILITARY
REQUESTS, AT LEAST DURING NEXT YEAR..." DOCUMENT IS

CALLED " A GRAVE DOCUMENT FROM ISRAEL'S VIEW POINT."

" ALTHOUGH IT CAN B ASSUMED THAT KISSINGER KNEW SOMETHING ABOUT CONTENTS OF REPORT, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT TIMING OF ITS PUBLICATION IS EXTEREMELY UNFORTUNATE FROM AMERICAN SECRETARY'S POINT OF VIEW...THIS IS A RED LIGHT FOR ISRAEL....A CLEAR AND CONCRETER REASON FOR HERTO HARDEN ITS POSITION, TO PUT CONDITIONS AND RECIEVE PROMISES FROM AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION BEFORE TAKING A DECISIVE STEP IN SINAI..." YEDIOT CONCLUDES THAT DOCUMENT "CONFIRMS TENDENCY OF SLOW BUT CERTAIN EROSION SEEN IN AMERICAN CONGRESS..."

5. FIRST REPORT REFLECTING OFFICIAL IRAELI REACTION TO REPORT IS GIVEN BY MAARIV MILITARY REPORTER QUOTING ISRAELI DEFENSE ELEMENTS AS EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER REPORT OF TIMING OF ITS PUBLICATION DURING KISSINGER'S STAY IN ISRAEL. RECOMMENDATION TO MAKE MILITARY SUPPLIES TO ISRAELI MORE DIFFICULT" SURPRISED DEFENSE ELEMENTS WHO OBTAINED IMPRESSION, DURING SUBCOMMITTEE'S VISIT... THAT ITS MEMBERS SHOWED SYMPATHY TO ISRAEL AND WOULD AID (ISRAEL) IN THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS."

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